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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR KING HASSAN - SPANISH SAHARA

FOR THE CHARGE FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME FOR KING HASSAN.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR COURTESY IN RECEIVING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON LAST WEEK IN MARRAKESH. I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COUNSEL AND SUPPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. I ALSO WELCOMED YOUR VIEWS ON THE SAHARA SITUATION, WHICH HAVE GIVEN US A FULL APPRECIATION OF YOUR MAJESTY'S POLICY AND OBJECTIVES IN THIS RESPECT. WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY WE CAN, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO

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ACHIEVE A STABLE AND AMICABLE NEGOTIATED OUTCOME, AND

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IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I AM WRITING YOU TODAY.

I WANT TO REPORT TO YOUR MAJESTY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED
A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE EXPRESSING DEEP

CONCERN OVER THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES IF THE PROPOSED
MARCH TO THE SAHARA GOES FORWARD.

I ALSO WANT TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE NOW DISCUSSED
WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM THE RESULTS OF HIS
RECENT MISSION, AND HE HAS DESCRIBED TO US HIS EFFORTS
TO FIND A FORMULA WHICH COULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR
A REASONABLE SOLUTION IN THE SPANISH SAHARA. AFTER
CONSIDERING THE FORMULA WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS
PROPOSING, IT OCCURS TO US THAT YOUR MAJESTY MIGHT
FIND SUCH A PROCESS ACCEPTABLE. I WOULD APPRECIATE VERY
MUCH KNOWING WHAT YOUR MAJESTY'S VIEWS ARE AND HOW YOUR
MAJESTY INTENDS TO PROCEED IN RELATION TO THIS FORMULA.
MEANWHILE, NOW THAT MATTERS SEEM TO BE MOVING IN THE
DIRECTION MOROCCO HAS BEEN SEEKING,I AM SURE YOUR
MAJESTY WILL AGREE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US
TO EXERCISE CONTINUED PATIENCE AND GIVE THE SECRETARY
GENERAL ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT IN THESE EFFORTS. WE
BELIEVE THEY ARE PROMISING AND HOPE THAT THIS MATTER
CAN BE PURSUED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CALM IN YOUR AREA
WHICH WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION.

I HOPE YOUR MAJESTY WILL AGREE THAT ACTION SUCH AS THE
PROPOSED MARCH TO THE SAHARA, WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY
INCREASE TENSION DESPITE YOUR BEST EFFORTS TO THE
CONTRARY, MIGHT PROVE UNSETTLING TO THE HOPEFUL PROCESS
NOW UNDERWAY.

WARM REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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